HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SRI G.S. SINGHVI
AND
HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE G.V. SEETHAPATHY

Writ Petition No.24941 of 2005

Between:

J. Nagendra & others. … Petitioners

And

Government of Andhra Pradesh, rep.by its Principal Secretary, Medical & Health Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad & another. … Respondents

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Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri K.V. Subba Reddy

Counsel for the Respondents : Advocate General assisted by Government Pleader for Medical Health & Family Welfare.

30th June, 2006

Per G. S. Singhvi, C.J.

In this petition, the petitioners have prayed for issue of a mandamus to the respondents to provide timely medical treatment by appointing approved strength of medical officers and staff in Dharmavaram Government Hospital, Ananthapur District.

In compliance of interim orders passed by the Court on 2-1-2006, 3-1-2006 and 25-1-2006, Dr.P.Somasekhar Reddy, Director of Health, Government of Andhra Pradesh filed affidavit dated 24-1-2006 along with some documents. Later on, the Government Pleader submitted additional papers containing the details of the infrastructure already available in various Community Health Centres and steps

proposed to be taken by the State Government to improve the functionality of various Community Health Centres and Hospitals. On 28-2-2006, Sri C.V.Mohan Reddy, learned Advocate General made a statement that the State Government has already chalked out a plan for posting adequate number of Specialist Doctors in the Hospitals and Community Health Centres where operation theaters have been established. On 20-4-2006, learned Advocate General produced a comprehensive report on the present status of health care system in the State and steps initiated to improve the same. Today, learned Advocate General gave out that for the purpose of implementing the action plan prepared by the State Government for improving the health services in the entire State in general and the rural areas in particular, 1089 posts of Civil Assistant Surgeons, 1200 posts of Staff Nurses and 1200 posts of Paramedical Staff have been sanctioned. He further stated that 200 Civil Assistant Surgeons have been recently promoted as Deputy Civil Surgeons the meetings of departmental promotion committees are likely to be held in next three to four weeks for consideration of promotions in other cadres. He then stated that 200 posts in the specialties of neo-natal care, gynecology and obstetrics and anesthesia have been sanctioned under the Central scheme relating to Reproductive and Child Health Programme and process for filling up these posts and posting of the doctors in area specific has been started. In regard to Community Health Centre at Dharmavaram, learned Advocate General stated that adequate number of specialists including the one in the field of anesthesia have been posted and there is no deficiency of staff.

The statement made by the learned Advocate General shows that the State Government has taken active measures for implementing the scheme innovated for overall improvement of health services in the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioners says that his clients are satisfied with the posting of the adequate number of Doctors and other

staff in the Community Health Centre at Dharmavaram.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of as infructuous. However, liberty is given to the petitioner or any public-spirited person to file miscellaneous petition for issue of further direction, if any such contingency arises in future.

G.S.SINGHVI, C.J.

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